Kochi Metro Rail

2593. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for Kochi Metro Rail Project;

(b) if so, whether any agency had been entrusted for implementation of the project;

(c) if so, the details of project report, if any, submitted by the above agency;

(d) if so, the present status of the above project report;

(e) if so, the details of approval, if any, required and granted to the above project by Competent Authority of his Ministry;

(f) if so, the reasons in detail for delay, if any, on granting approval for the project; and

(g) the details of financial and other support granted to the above project, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) to (g) Does not arise. However, Government of Kerala got a Detailed Project Report (DPR) prepared through Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC). The DPR has recommended the construction of an Elevated Light Metro system in Kochi over a length of 25.3 km between Alwaye and Petta at an estimated cost of Rs. 1966 crores (updated cost Rs.3008 crores).

The State Government has been advised to first explore the viability gap funding option under the scheme of Ministry of Finance, Government of India, for support to Public Private partnership in Infrastructure.

The State Government has not so far re-submitted the proposal after inviting open competitive bidding as advised by the Central Government.

Improvement of Kitchens in Government flats

2594. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received requests from the residents of Type I quarters of H Block, Kali Bari, New Delhi regarding improvements in built-up kitchen;

(b) if so, the details thereof and action taken/proposed to be taken in this regard; and

(c) by when the said work would be started and completed so that the residents of the area are benefited by the improved kitchen?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Urban public transportation

†2595. SHRI AJYA SINGH CHAUTALA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the plan of Government for transportation in view of rapidly growing urbanization; and

(b) whether Government have conducted any study or survey with regard to the effect of growth in real estate industry on the public transport?

THE MINISTER OF STATE TN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) Realizing the seriousness of rapidly growing problem of urban transportation, Government has formulated National Urban Transport Policy (NUTP) in April, 2006. The Policy provides guidelines and incentives to the States/cities to design their urban transport strategies. The Government is providing Central financial assistance for urban transport planning and for taking up urban transport projects through various schemes like Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM), Scheme of Ministry of Finance for financial support to Public Private Partnership in Infrastructure and budgetary support, etc.

(b) No, Sir.

Repair works in Government flats

†2596. SHRI SURESH BHARDWAJ: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of such quarters out of Type-I Government quarters at Punchkuian Road, New Delhi, the doors and windows of bathrooms and toilets of which have not been changed for the past 10-12 years and they are in very dilapidated condition;

(b) whether it is a fact that the concerned officers do not take any action despite repeated complaints; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (c) No, Sir. The doors and windows of bathrooms and toilets in the Government quarters at Punchkuian Road, New Delhi are not in dilapidated condition. However, as and when any complaint is received by CPWD, the same is attended to.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.